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ANDERSON PROPOSES DENIAL OF THREE RIVERS DISPOSAL'S
GARBAGE HAULING APPLICATION

Public Service Commissioner Bob Anderson proposes to deny the application of Three Rivers Disposal of Bozeman to provide garbage hauling service in Wheatland and Meagher counties.

In a proposed order issued today, commissioner and hearings examiner Bob Anderson concluded that Three Rivers was fit, willing and able to provide the garbage service in the two counties, but the company had not proven that there was a public need for its proposed service that the existing garbage hauler, Mr. M's Disposal, is not already meeting. Mr. M has recently been sold to Griffin-Phoenix of Billings.

In a hearing in Harlowton on February 19, no witnesses appeared in support of Three Rivers. In another case, the commission has tentatively approved an application from Sanitation, Inc., of Lewistown to provide garbage service in Harlowton.

There were witnesses in support of Three Rivers' application at a hearing in White Sulphur Springs on February 20. Several witnesses testified to the rude customer relations of Mr. M. However, Anderson found that Mr. M is providing adequate service.

The PSC will issue its final order in this case after Griffin-Phoenix and Three Rivers Disposal file their exceptions to the proposed order, which must be done within 20 days. Then parties will have another 10 days to comment on each other's exceptions and either party may request oral argument before the PSC.

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